

marriaee. Their husbands "do not fall far short of them." The

women will not renew their leaf aprons in the presence of each other.¹ The Yakuts use leather guarantees of their wives and daughters, similar to the mediaeval device,² which always implies that the wife will make use of any opportunity. The Yakut women wore garments even in bed.³ The Eskimo of eastern Greenland do not disapprove of a husbandless mother but of a childless wife.⁴ Bushmen women observe a stricter taboo than their Kaffir neighbors. They refuse illicit relations with the latter, although the Kaffirs are a superior race.⁵ The Zulu women observe a strict taboo with noteworthy fidelity.⁶ Madame Pommerol⁷ represents the Arab women of the nomadic or semi-nomadic tribes of southern Algiers as destitute of moral training. They have no code of morals or religion. [What she means is that they have no character by education.] They shun men, but handle the veil in a coquettish manner according to artificial and excessive usages. They act only between impulses of desire and fear of fathers or husbands. Fidelity has no sense, since they do not feel the loyalty either of duty or affection. The Mayas of the lowest classes sent out their daughters to earn their own marriage portions.⁸ On the Palau Islands mothers train their daughters to make gain of themselves in the local shell money and bring the same to their parents. The girls become *armen-go Is*; that is, they live in the clubhouses which are the residences of the young men, where they do domestic work and win influence. An insult to such a woman is an insult to the club. The origin of the custom was in war; the women were captives. Some are

now given in tribute. " The custom is not a pure expression of sensuality." As there is no family life this is the woman's chance to know men and influence them. It is rated as education.⁹ Semper¹⁰ quotes native justification of the custom. A man's

¹ JAI, XII, 94, 135.

⁴ Holm, *Angmagslikerne*, 54.

² Schultz, *D. Z.*, 283.
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⁶ Fritsch, *Eingeb. Siid-Afr.*,

⁸ Sieroshevski, *Yakuty (Polish)*, 342. ⁶ *Amer. Antiq.*, XXIV, 77.

⁷ *Une Femme chez les Sahariennes.*

⁸ Bancroft, *Races of the Pacific*, I, 123; II, 676.

⁹ Kubary, *Soc. Einricht. der Pelauer*, 51, 55, 91.

¹⁰ *Palau*, 65, 324.